

**MLPA Nomination Request to the South Coast Regional Stakeholder
Group**

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I was born and raised in Southern California and I have been a sport fisherman for 55 years. I have been licensed through the California Department of Fish and Game for 51 years and have been a licensed sport fishing boat operator for 30 years. I have 21 years experience as a licensed commercial fisherman and I have owned and operated Malibu Fish'n Tackle, a retail fishing tackle shop, for the last 21 years. I have an extensive working knowledge of the fishing industry and consider myself an expert on the coast from Santa Barbara to Malibu Point. I am involved in many clubs and have many customers that need to have a vehicle with which to express their views and concerns. I can be that vehicle. I am a great communicator and will go out of my way to get the message to all concerned. I will attend all necessary meetings and feel that I would be an asset to the stakeholders group.

I am not currently personally involved with the MLPA, but I have been keeping abreast of the current ocean and fishing situation in regards to future ocean closures. I have worked with Cal Trout on the Malibu Creek Steelhead Project monitoring water temps with Jim Edmenson in 1991.

I would like to convey the interests of Santa Barbara, Ventura and West Los Angeles Counties sport fishing clubs, retail fishing tackle dealers, sport boat owners/operators and landing operators and commercial fishermen. I am also in constant contact with customers of Malibu Fish'n Tackle. I am a member of Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, Sespe Fly Fishers and L.A. Rod & Reel Club. I will work with clubs and customers through email and direct contact through my shop, club meetings and visiting businesses. I believe in open and honest communication and feel that everyone should be made aware of the importance of maintaining the resources and environment for today's sport fishermen as well as future fishermen.